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SUBJECT: CRAWFORD ARREST CASE

REFS: (A) STATE 194027, (B) MOSCOW 17569
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1. CONSOFF AND IH EXECUTIVE JOHN CHELLMAN AGAIN ACCOMPANIED CRAWFORD TO LEFORTOVO PRISON ON MORNING OF AUGUST 2. AFTER A SHORT WAIT, KGB MAJOR BELYAYEV INFORMED CRAWFORD THAT HIS INTERPRETER "IS UNAVAILABLE". HE SAID THAT HE WOULD CALL IH OFFICE LATER TO NOTIFY CRAWFORD OF NEW TIME FOR INTERROGATION.
2. BELYAYEV CALLED CRAWFORD AGAIN AT 1330 TO ANNOUNCE ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT. AT 1630, BELYAYEV CALLED AGAIN TO INVITE CRAWFORD TO LEFORTOVO AT 1730 TO PICK UP SOME OF HIS EFFECTS CONFISCATED DURING HIS DETENTION. CONSOFF ACCOMPANYING CRAWFORD TO LEFORTOVO.

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3. IN THE EVENT CRAWFORD IS CALLED FOR ANOTHER INTERROGATION, EMBASSY PLANS TO POINT OUT TO MFA CONTRAST BETWEEN CRAWFORD'S SITUATION AND THAT OF "WOODBIDGE TWO" IN THAT LATTER HAVE NOT BEEN SUMMONED FOR INTERROGATIONS SINCE THEIR RELEASE. WE ALSO PLAN TO REMIND MFA THAT, ACCORDING TO AGREED ARRANGEMENTS, SUMMONS FOR CRAWFORD'S

APPEARANCES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE MADE VIA THE
EMBASSY AND NOT TO CRAWFORD DIRECTLY (PURPOSE
IS TO RELIEVE CRAWFORD OF HAVING TO STAND
BY ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR KGB TELEPHONE CALLS).

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE PROPOSE THAT DEPARTMENT
REQUEST JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO CALL THE
"WOODBIDGE TWO" FOR INTERROGATION ON A RECIPROCAL
BASIS EACH TIME CRAWFORD IS CALLED FOR SUCH
INTERROGATION. TOON

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